

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

BRIAN HOOK,	:	
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Petitioner	:	CIVIL ACTION
	:	No. 18-4635
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v.	:	
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BARRY SMITH, et al.	:	
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Respondents	:	

ORDER

This 15th day of December, 2020 , upon careful and independent consideration of Petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody filed by petitioner, Brian Hook, (ECF 1, 10), the record in this case, the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Carol Sandra Moore Wells, dated April 10, 2020, (ECF 13), and petitioner's Objections to Report and Recommendation, (ECF 14), and for the additional reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Report and Recommendation is **APPROVED AND ADOPTED**;
2. The Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is **DISMISSED**; and
3. A certificate of appealability will not issue because reasonable jurists would not debate the propriety of this Court's rulings with respect to petitioner's claims. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

/s/ Gerald Austin McHugh
United States District Judge